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CHRIST'S TEACHINGS ON DIVORCE # 2

Matthew 19:3-9

Today's lesson one of most sensitive and least-liked subjects from preacher's pulpit, teacher's podium. Sensitive because it deals with such gross sin and disregard of God's laws. Is America's guilt complex?

FACTS:
1. 1 in 3 marriages fail in U. S. 350,000 annually.
2. Divorce increased 800% in last 100 yrs.
3. Over 12 million divorces in U. S. last 2 decades; (1/5) affecting lives of over 40,000,000 Americans.
4. 98% all divorcees remarry—regardless!!! Bible out

Sermon: Request sermon by our elders to be helpful. Sermon to: Our children to spare them heartaches.

EARLIEST BIBLE TEACHINGS.

   Matthew 19:8. Defined: Cut off or put away!
   Matt. 19:8. (1490 B.C.) (1451 B.C.)
   Hardness: Gr. SKLERO-stiffness of heart.

DEDUCTIONS:
1. God has never instituted divorce, as marriage, only suffered it in ancient times. Acts 17:30.

II. N. T. TEACHINGS ON REMARRIAGE AFTER DIVORCE.

A. Mk. 10:2-12. Lk. 16:18. Rom. 7:1-3. 1 Cor. 7:10-11 and 39 give death as only grounds for divorce.
B. Without Matt. 5:31-32 and 19:3-9 would be NO re-marriage under any circumstances. One ground:
   1. ADULTERY: Gr. MOICHOS: unlawful intercourse with the spouse of another.
   2. FORNICATION: Gr. PORNEIA: illicit sexual intercourse and includes adultery. Pre-marital!!!!!!!

CONCLUSION: Divorce must be based on violation of the marriage vows, and after forgiveness and reconciliation have been attempted to the satisfaction of God! Matt. 18:21-22. Work quit? 1 Cor. 5:9.

III. CONCLUSIONS BASED ON THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES.

A. If God had His way, no divorces, not even one!
B. Children must be taught against it. Eph. 6:4.
C. Baptism not designed to change a state of adultery into Christian marriage.

1. Problem: of unscriptural divorces and remarriage, before learn truth and become Christians.
a. Two Biblically-ignorant, but nice people (haste) marry and are incompatible and divorce.
b. They re-marry still in ignorance of God's Word.
c. They are both living in adultery as are their mates because not divorced over unfaithfulness.
d. Both learn truth and are baptized to get rid of past sins. Possible! Acts 2:38.
e. **Problem:** Want to continue living together. Cannot! Baptism did not dissolve their marriage relation to their real spouse—even though he be living in adultery with another. All adulterers! 4!
f. Must quit living with another's spouse to avoid further sins of adultery. NOTE: Baptism deals with sin and one's obedience to God's plan of Salvation. It does not white-wash adulterous relationships!!

l. **FURTHER PROBLEM:** What about the innocent children?

**Answer:** What about the UNBORN children when this couple married in ignorance and haste??? Fault??

**Answer:** What about Christ's laws on marriage and divorce—there all time—to prevent harm to innocent children? VIOLATED! Luke 6:46. Fault?

**Answer:** What about Christ's truths given to prevent cruelty to children? Violated! John 17:17. Fault

**Answer:** What about Christ's teachings—which if they had been heeded in the first place—would have prevented any injury to anybody! J. 15:22. 12:3

**CONCLUSION:** Only way to stop future unhappiness and divorce is to respect and obey God!!!!

Careful in dating. Careful in marriage.

**Recommend:** only in the Lord! I Cor. 7:39.

**INV:**

Lord invites lost souls to save today. B-R-C-E.

Lord invites weary wanderers back today. R-P.

Identify somewhere and be an active Christian.